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Portions of the Trail to be Temporarily Closed

Pioneer Express Trail Repairs at Folsom Lake SRA

FOLSOM – California State Parks will be repairing and rehabilitating portions of the Pioneer Express Trail between Beal's Point and Granite Bay at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) over the next month. Short sections of the trail will be closed to public use during the repair work. Alternate routes will be available for public use during the trail closures. State Parks will post signs informing trail users of the closures and detours.

The Pioneer Express Trail is a popular pedestrian/equestrian trail that runs between Folsom Lake SRA and Auburn SRA. There will be no changes in the allowed uses of the trail as part of the trail project.

Over time trails can become entrenched, allowing water to run down the trail eroding soil and creating a deeply rutted tread surface that is less enjoyable for trail users. The trail work will focus on repairing sections of trail that are heavily eroded. The trail repairs will improve the drainage of water off the trail, prevent further erosion and provide a better trail for users. Well designed and constructed trails allow water to flow across and off the trail with minimal erosion.

The work will involve repairing some sections of the trail in its current location. In other locations, short sections of the trail will need to be rerouted and the abandoned trail sections will be rehabilitated. Trail rehabilitation involves re-establishing the natural topographic contours and reseeding the repaired ground. Grasses and other vegetation will become established in less than a year and over time the rehabilitated areas will blend into the natural landscape.

If the public has questions about the trail repair project they can contact California State Parks at (916) 988-0205.

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